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1. MY INITIAL DISCUSSIONS ON MAR 10 WITH J.C.SHAH AND CHAIRMAN SETHNA LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT SETHNA, WHILE INSISTING THAT HE INTENDED TO GIVE DIRECT, FULL AND COMPLETE ANSWERS TO QUERIES POSED REFTTEL, WOULD STILL COME UP WITH DATA FALLING SHORT OF OUR NEEDS. CONSEQUENTLY, I ADDED A SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION WORDED AS FOLLOWS, "ANY OTHER DATA THAT BEARS ON THE URGENCY PROBLEM". I EXPLAINED ORALLY TO SETHNA THAT THIS QUESTION WAS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT DATA RESPONDING TO OTHER QUESTIONS WOULD PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT TO KNOW JUST HOW MUCH OF A CUT IN POWER OUTPUT COULD BE EXPECTED AND WHEN THIS CUT WOULD COME INTO EFFECT IF THERE WERE A CONTINUING DELAY IN THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES.

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2. SETHNA'S MAIN PROBLEM IN ASSEMBLING DATA FOR RESPONSE TO

DEPARTMENT'S QUERY RELATED TO ESTIMATING THE FINAL PRODUCT FROM MATERIAL ALREADY IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS AT THE HYDERABAD PLANT. HE KNOWS HOW MUCH COMPLETED STOCK HE HAS AND HOW MUCH RAW MATERIAL THERE IS IN INVENTORY, BUT HE FELT THAT SIMPLE, DIRECT ANSWERS TO FIRST TWO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL WOULD BE MISLEADING, SO HE HAS HAD HIS TECHNICIANS CHECK WITH HYDERABAD ON MATERIAL-IN-PROCESS QUESTION.

3. A SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAM GIVES THE TEXT OF SETHNA'S LETTER PROVIDING THE DATA REQUESTED REFTEL. THIS DATA MAY BE TREATED AS UNCLASSIFIED ON RECEIPT AND MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO IAEC OR TO CHAIRMAN SETHNA. (PREVIOUS DATA WHICH BOMBAY CONSULATE HAS TRANSMITTED GARNERED FROM SETHNA'S ASSOCIATES MAY BE USED, BUT SHOULD NOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO ANYONE IN THE IAEC. RATHER, DEPARTMENT SHOULD SAY, "WE UNDERSTAND" OR "WE BELIEVE". THESE DATA ARE ACCURATE AND COME FROM THE SAME PEOPLE WHO ARE DEVELOPING THE RESPONSE TO THE REFTEL. BUT SETHNA SIMPLY WILL NOT GIVE ANYONE ELSE AUTHORITY TO SPEAK WITH IAEC ATTRIBUTION ON THIS QUESTIONS.) MY COMMENTS ON SETHNA'S LETTER WILL FOLLOW IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM. SETHNA'S RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WHICH SETHNA REQUESTED BE PUT IN WRITING WHICH I DID IN LETTER OF MARCH 10:

(1) WHAT IS THE PRESENT INVENTORY OF FINISHED FUEL (BUNDLES OR RODS) FOR EACH OF THE TARAPUR REACTORS?

(2) IS IT ACCURATE THAT THE 12,250 KGS OF URANIUM, LICENSED SEPTEMBER 23, WILL BE FABRICATED IN JUNE-AUGUST 196?

(3) WHAT IS THE PROBABLE FREQUENCY OF RELOADING BASED ON RECENT FUEL PERFORMANCE (E.E., KVH PER RELOAD AND INTERVALS)?

(4) WHAT ARE CURRENTLY PLANNED DATES FOR NEXT RELOADS FOR EACH REACTOR?

(5) ANY OTHER DATA THAT BEARS ON THE URGENCY PROBLEM.
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